

DIAA Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 9, 2017– 9:00 a. m.
John W. Collette Education Resource Center

I. Opening

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a. m. by Chairperson Dr. Bradley Layfield.

B. Roll Call

The following DIAA Board members were present: Stan Waterman, Dr. Matthew Donovan, Dr. Evelyn Edney, Ted Laws, Bruce Harris, Gary Cimaglia, Dr. Bradley Layfield, Robert Cilento, Robert Watson, Mike Hart, Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald, Vetra Evans-Gunter, Douglas Thompson, Dr. Bradley Bley, and Jeremy Jeanne. Thomas Neubauer, Executive Director, Laura Makransky, Deputy Attorney General, and DIAA staff Terre Taylor and Tina Bates were also in attendance. Dr. Mervin Daugherty, Susanne Williams, Mike Breeding, and Leroy Mann were unable to attend.

C. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Neubauer stated that Item III. E. should be removed from the agenda. Mr. Cilento made a motion to approve the agenda with the correction. The motion was seconded by Dr. Donovan and carried unanimously, 12 – yes (Waterman, Donovan, Laws, Harris, Cimaglia, Layfield, Cilento, Watson, Hart, Evans-Gunter, Thompson, and Bley) and 0 – no.

D. Approval of Minutes of DIAA October 12, 2017 Board Meeting

There was an insufficient number of Board members to vote to approve the October minutes. The minutes are posted in draft form and will be added to a future agenda.

E. Approval of Minutes of DIAA August 10, 2017 Board Meeting

Mr. Hart made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 10 Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Watson and carried by a vote of 13 – yes (Waterman, Donovan, Edney, Laws, Harris, Cimaglia, Layfield, Cilento, Watson, Hart, Evans-Gunter, Thompson, and Bley) and 0 – no.

F. DIAA Financial Report

Mr. Neubauer reported on the DIAA budget and commented that the \$84,000.00 deficit is normal for this time of year. Ms. Evans-Gunter made a motion to approve the financial report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hart and carried unanimously, 13 - yes (Waterman, Donovan, Edney, Laws, Harris, Cimaglia, Layfield, Cilento, Watson, Hart, Evans-Gunter, Thompson, and Bley) and 0 – no.

G. Legal Presentation to the Board

Ms. Makransky explained the DIAA Board Members' Authority, Powers, and Duties.

II. Public Comment

None.

III. Action Items

A. Approval of Tournament Sanctions

Mr. Neubauer reported that there are 32 sanctioned events before the Board for approval – Basketball: Boardwalk Basketball Classic (12/14/17); Winter Dragons Classic (12/14-16/17); Slam Dunk to the Beach (12/27-29/17); Quaker Classic (12/29-30/17); 9th Annual She Got Game (12/8-10/17); Blue Star HS Showcase (1/7/18); Rumble by the River (12/16/17); Wrestling: Bulldog Invitational (12/2/17); Mule Classic (12/8/17); Bishop Ireton Classic (12/2/17); Howdy Duncan Classic (12/15-16/17); Mount Mat Madness XIV (12/29-30/17); Bohemia Manor Battle (1/5-6/18); Glasgow Invitational (1/13/18); Indoor Track: DVGTC A #1 (12/15/17); DVGTC A #2 (12/22/17); North Shore HS Invitational (12/26/17); DVGTC A #3 (1/5/18); Kevin Dare HS Invitational (1/6/18); DVGTC A #4 (1/12/18); DVGTC A #5 (1/19/18); DVGTC A #6 (1/26/18); DVGTC A #7 (2/2/18); DVGTC A Consolation Meet (2/7/18); DVGTC A Meet of Champ (2/16/18); North Shore Pre National (2/16/18); Bishop Loughlin Games (12/16-17/17); 18th Marine Corps Holiday (12/29/17); 111th NYRR Millrose Games (1/10/18); 23rd New Balance Games (1/19-20/18); 18th Dr. Sanders Invitational (1/26/18); NYRR Millrose Games (2/3/18). Mr. Neubauer stated that to the best of his knowledge the 32 approved were in compliance with DIAA and NFHS regulations. Mr. Jeanne made a motion to approve the sanction events. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harris and carried unanimously, 15 - yes (Waterman, Donovan, Edney, Laws, Harris, Cimaglia, Layfield, Cilento, Watson, Hart, Fitzgerald, Evans-Gunter, Thompson, Bley, and Jeanne) and 0 – no.

B. Request to Waive 1009.2.4 by Cape Henlopen High School – 2017-11-1

Student and student's father were in attendance to present this request. The Board went into executive session for the purposes of discussing the request, including the content of the pupil file. Mr. Cilento recused himself from this hearing.

While in executive session, the hearing proceeded, evidence was taken, and the Board held deliberations. All persons participating in this hearing were

sworn in. All the documentation was made part of the record and in addition to the testimony given the Board considered the written documentation provided.

The Board went into deliberation. The Board came out of deliberation and then came out of executive session.

Dr. Bley made a motion to approve the waiver based on the testimony and evidence presented that a hardship does exist and the other conditions for granting a waiver were established. The motion was seconded by Ms. Evans-Gunter and carried by a vote of 8 – yes (Waterman, Edney, Harris, Layfield, Watson, Hart, Evans-Gunter, and Bley) 5 – no (Donovan, Laws, Cimaglia, Fitzgerald, and Jeanne), and 1 abstention (Thompson).

C. Self-Report by Mount Pleasant High School

Ms. Taylor reported that Keith Neff, athletic director at Mount Pleasant High School, self-reported a violation of the open gym rule and also a violation of Coaching out of Season. Ms. Taylor explained that the Mount Pleasant girls basketball coach was found to be actively coaching the varsity boys basketball team on four separate occasions. Ms. Taylor also explained that the boys basketball coach at Mount Pleasant had organized and conducted a boys basketball fall league this school year and last year.

Mr. Neubauer commented that he recommended a one game suspension in addition to the 4 day suspension and a letter of reprimand. The Board discussed that there should be more than just a one game suspension.

Dr. Fitzgerald made a motion to accept the 4 practice suspension for both coaches with an additional 2 game suspension for the head boys basketball coach and a 1 game suspension for the girls basketball coach for violation of the rules and regulations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cimaglia and carried by a vote of 15 – yes (Waterman, Donovan, Edney, Laws, Harris, Cimaglia, Layfield, Cilento, Watson, Hart, Fitzgerald, Evans-Gunter, Thompson, Bley, and Jeanne) and 0 no.

D. Request by Swimming & Diving Committee to Designate Championship Meet as Culminating Event, Per Rule 1-3-12.

Mr. Neubauer explained that he received a request from the DIAA Swimming & Diving Committee asking for the Board to approve the designation of the DIAA State Championship Swimming & Diving Meet the only meet required to use the Championship Meet format per NFHS Rule 1-3-12.

Dr. Fitzgerald made a motion to accept the recommendation of the DIAA

Swimming and Diving Committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jeanne and carried by a vote of 15 – yes (Waterman, Donovan, Edney, Laws, Harris, Cimaglia, Layfield, Cilento, Watson, Hart, Fitzgerald, Evans-Gunter, Thompson, Bley, and Jeanne) and 0 no.

IV. Board Discussion Items

Dr. Fitzgerald recommended creating an Adhoc Committee to explore the possibility of a Hall of Fame for athletes, coaches, and officials. Dr. Fitzgerald commented that there did not have to be a physical location and suggested with the technology we could have something on the DIAA website.

V. Executive Director Report

Mr. Neubauer reported on the fall tournaments and their progress to date.

Mr. Neubauer reported on the status of the purchase of EBoard, a software program for accessing Board agenda items.

Mr. Neubauer reported on the Statewide Student Leadership Conference hosted by DIAA and Special Olympics.

VII. Other Items for Discussion Only

Mr. Jeanne questioned where the realignment process was. Mr. Taylor responded by saying the Committee would like to have a trial run but that the athletic directors need more information. Dr. Fitzgerald commented that the concern of the superintendents is cost and travel.

Discussions on revising the regulations to set forth penalties more clearly, following the NFHS schedule, and committees will be added to a future agenda.

VIII. Public Comment

None

IX. Adjournment

Dr. Edney made a motion to adjourn at 12:25 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cilento and carried unanimously, 15 – yes (Waterman, Donovan, Edney, Laws, Harris, Cimaglia, Layfield, Cilento, Watson, Hart, Fitzgerald, Evans-Gunter, Thompson, Bley, and Jeanne) and 0 no.

Tina Bates

